

THE SUPREME COURT



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Under the **territorial government** of Michigan established in 1805, the supreme court consisted of a chief judge and 2 associate judges appointed by the President of the United States. Under the “second” grade of territorial government established in 1824, the term of office was limited to 4 years.

First Grade

Augustus B. Woodward 1805-1824
Frederick Bates 1805-1808

James Witherell 1805-1824
John Griffin 1806-1824

Second Grade

James Witherell 1824-1828
John Hunt 1824-1827
Solomon Sibley 1824-1837
Henry Chipman 1827-1832

William Woodbridge 1828-1832
George Morrell 1832-1837
Ross Wilkins 1832-1837

The **Constitution of 1835** provided for a supreme court, the judges of which were appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, for 7-year terms. In 1836 the legislature provided for a chief justice and 2 associate justices. The state was then divided into 3 circuits and the supreme court was required to hold an annual term in each circuit. The Revised Statutes of 1838 provided for a chief justice and 3 associate justices.

The **Constitution of 1850** provided for a term of 6 years and that the judges of the 5 circuit courts be judges of the supreme court. In 1857, the legislature reorganized the supreme court to consist of a chief justice and 3 associate justices to be elected for 8-year terms. The number of justices was increased to 5 by the legislature in 1887. Act 250 of 1903 increased the number of justices to 8.

The **Constitution of 1908** provided for the nomination of the justices at partisan conventions and election at nonpartisan elections.

The **Constitution of 1963** provides that “the judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and the courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 1.

“The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at nonpartisan elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 2.

“One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice as provided by rules of the court. He shall perform duties required by the court. The supreme court shall

appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 1.

The Michigan Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, hearing cases appealed to it from other state courts. Applications for **“leave to appeal”** are filed with the supreme court and the court decides whether to grant them. If an application is granted, the supreme court will hear the case; if denied, the decision of the lower court stands.

In addition to its judicial duties, the supreme court is charged with general administrative supervision of all courts in the state. This is referred to in the state constitution as **“general superintending control.”** The supreme court is responsible for establishing rules for practice and procedure in all courts.

The supreme court consists of 7 justices. One justice is selected every 2 years by the court as chief justice. Two justices are elected every 2 years (one in the eighth year) in the November election. Although nominated by political parties, the justices are elected on a nonpartisan ballot, separate from the ballot for other elective offices. Candidates for the supreme court must be qualified electors, licensed to practice law in Michigan, and, at the time of election, must be under 70 years of age. The salary of the justices is fixed by the State Officers Compensation Commission and paid by the state.

Sessions of the Michigan Supreme Court are held in Lansing where the justices hear oral arguments by attorneys in cases in which leave to appeal has been granted and which have been submitted in written briefs in advance of the hearing. The written opinion in each case, which receives the approval of a majority of the justices, becomes the decision of the court. A justice may write a “concurring” opinion agreeing with the result of the majority opinion but for reasons different from those expressed in the majority opinion. If a justice disagrees with the majority opinion in whole or in part, the justice may write the reasons for the disagreement in a “dissenting” opinion.

Caseload

During 1998, 2,436 new cases were filed with the Michigan Supreme Court. There were 2,992 cases completed in 1998. At the close of the year, 1,606 cases were pending before the court.

The majority of the new cases filed (96%) were applications for leave to appeal. Of the new cases filed, 44% were civil cases and 56% were criminal cases. Of the 2,992 cases disposed of during 1998, 2,567 (86%) were disposed of by denial of leave to appeal, 235 (8%) by final orders without opinions, 121 (4%) by opinions, and 69 (2%) by dismissals and withdrawals.

TYPES OF SUPREME COURT CASE FILINGS, 1998

Filings	Number	Percent
Applications for Leave	2,344	(96%)
Applications Prior to Court of Appeals Decision	11	} (4%)
Mandamus/Superintending Control — Attorney Grievance Commission/ Board of Law Examiners	40	
Judicial Tenure Commission Cases	10	
Certified Questions from Federal Courts	1	
Applications from Attorney Discipline Board	20	
Miscellaneous	10	
TOTAL	2,436	

**DISTRIBUTION OF SUPREME COURT
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES, 1998**

Cases	Number	Percent
Civil Cases Filed	1,064	(44%)
Criminal Cases Filed	1,372	(56%)
TOTAL	2,436	(100%)

SUPREME COURT CASE DISPOSITION, BY TYPE, 1998

Dispositions	Number	Percent
Completed by Opinions	121	(4%)
Completed by Final Orders Without Opinions	235	(8%)
Completed by Denial of Leave to Appeal	2,567	(86%)
Completed by Dismissals and Withdrawals	69	(2%)
TOTAL	2,992	(100%)

Motions and Separate Orders

During 1998, the court issued 585 separate additional orders on motion matters, as follows: 95 orders granting leave to appeal; 28 orders on motions for rehearing; 262 orders on motions for reconsideration; 36 orders holding cases in abeyance, issued on the court's own motions; 22 miscellaneous orders on motions for bail, for stay of proceedings, to tax or not tax costs; 110 orders issued by the chief justice, here commonly called "housekeeping orders," e.g., orders on motions to extend the time for filing briefs, to place on or withdraw a case from a session calendar, or for oral argument, etc.; 21 orders to show cause; and 11 remands with jurisdiction retained.

Grants of Leave to Appeal

Orders granting leave to appeal notify the parties that formal review of the case will be undertaken. Grant orders and their percentage relationship to new filings for the past 10 years are set forth below.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAL

Year	Grants	Percent of New Filings
1987	67	3.1%
1988	79	3.0%
1989	52	1.9%
1990	81	3.2%
1991	64	2.9%
1992	87	3.6%
1993	85	3.1%
1994	116	3.7%
1995	90	2.9%
1996	105	4.0%
1997	106	4.0%
1998	95	4.0%

Administrative Functions

In addition to serving as the state's court of last resort, the Michigan Supreme Court manages the state court system. As manager of the Michigan court system, the Court has undertaken with the legislative and executive branches, state and local, to improve the system statewide for greater efficiency and accountability to the public. This endeavor includes:

- advancing the implementation of the family division of circuit court for greater efficiency and convenience for families;
- developing a statewide court information management system;
- developing trial court performance standards;
- reforming jury management practices;
- overseeing the progress of seven trial court demonstration projects.

In 1998, the Michigan Supreme Court focused on the advancement of court reorganization, issues related to court management, and innovations in local intergovernmental relations and communication with the public by:

- **Pursuing greater convenience for families.** The Supreme Court strove to make the trial court system more user friendly for families through a constitutional amendment to merge Michigan's circuit and probate courts and guarantee at least one judge per county elected exclusively by the voters of each county, to focus on family matters. The amendment would have completed the implementation of the family division of circuit court, which the Legislature created in 1996 by shifting a major portion of the probate court caseload into the new circuit court division.
- **Improving efficiency in Lansing operation.** Throughout 1998, the Court worked with the Department of Management and Budget to develop a program statement for a practical and functional building in Lansing to house the Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals and State Court Administrative Office. The new building will be located at the west end of the Capitol Mall and is expected to be completed in 2003. It will streamline appellate and trial court management by housing key administrative functions in one location.
- **Building cooperation in local government.** In another important initiative in 1998, the Supreme Court, together with the Michigan Association of Counties, hosted a series of seminars designed to foster stronger working relationships between trial court judges and local funding unit officials, particularly in the areas of court budgeting and personnel. The seminars built upon the new cooperative relationship between judges and funding unit officials that formed the basis of Supreme Court Administrative Order 1997-6.
- **Sharing court data effectively.** Essential to the efficient operation of Michigan courts is a statewide court information management system. The Judicial Information Systems (JIS) division of the State Court Administrative Office developed in 1998 a preliminary five-stage plan for connecting all the trial courts in the state with the Supreme Court and with local and state agencies for the speedy and consistent transmission of court data. JIS also equipped each of the state's chief judges with Internet access and e-mail to expand the research and communication abilities of the courts.
- **Improving public access.** In the interest of open government, the Supreme Court implemented two orders in 1998 addressing public access to Supreme Court administrative records and meetings. In May, the Court held its first public administrative hearing, one of three per year required under the new open meetings order. The hearings as well as oral argument sessions were, and continue to be, open to the public and cablecast statewide over Michigan Government Television (MGTV).
- **Expanding public knowledge.** To increase legislative and public understanding of the issues involved in court reorganization, the Supreme Court sponsored three panel discussions also televised statewide by MGTV. The discussions addressed the subjects of court merger and the guarantee of one judge per county elected exclusively by the voters of each county, the family division of circuit court, and local government relations. The Supreme Court also inaugurated its web site, which provides quick access to recent Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions, helpful background for citizens regarding the operation of the court system, and links to other law-related web sites at the local, state and federal levels.

In addition to its court reform and administrative activities, the Supreme Court in 1998 addressed numerous issues related to court procedure. This involved the amending of court rules to improve case flow and other aspects of court management.

Source: The Michigan State Courts Annual Report (1998), State Court Administrative Office

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

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STEPHEN J. MARKMAN, Mason Jan. 1, 2005
MARILYN KELLY, Bloomfield Hills Jan. 1, 2005
CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR, East Lansing Jan. 1, 2001
MAURA D. CORRIGAN, Grosse Pointe Park Jan. 1, 2007
ROBERT P. YOUNG, Jr., Detroit Jan. 1, 2003

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF JUSTICES



CHIEF JUSTICE ELIZABETH A. WEAVER

Term expires January 1, 2003

Of Glen Arbor; born at New Orleans, Louisiana; B.A., 1962, H. Sophie Newcomb College, Phi Beta Kappa; J.D., 1965, Tulane University, Order of the Coif; an editor, *Tulane Law Review*, Institute of Judicial Administration Appellate Judges Seminar, New York University School of Law, New York City, 1987. Law clerk to Hon. Oliver P. Carriere, Louisiana Civil District Court. Admitted to practice in Louisiana 1965 and Michigan 1973; law practice New Orleans, Louisiana, and Glen Arbor, Michigan. Attorney/title specialist, Chevron Oil Company, Louisiana; law firm of Coleman, Dutrey, and Thomson. Elected Leelanau County Probate/Juvenile Judge November 1974, reelected to 6-year terms in 1976 and 1982, serving through January 1, 1987; elected to Michigan Court of Appeals 6-year term beginning January 1, 1987; reelected 1992; elected to Michigan Supreme Court in 1994; elected Chief Justice in January 1999 for a 2-year term. *Appointments:* by Governors Milliken, Blanchard, and Engler: Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, Chair of Task Force for Children's Justice, and Chair of Trial Court Assessment Commission; by various Chief Justices: Judicial Coordination Council for Michigan Supreme Court, Special Committee Regarding Part-time Probate Judges Problem, Probate Court Docket Case Tracking Committee, Probate/Juvenile Court Benchmark Steering Committee, Supreme Court/Court of Appeals Committee. *Other Committees and Memberships:* Michigan Supreme Court Education Advisory Committee for Probate and Juvenile Judges, State Bar of Michigan (Juvenile Law Committee and Crime Prevention Center) (former chairs), Top of Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former president), Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former secretary), Western Michigan University Continuing Legal Education Advisory Board (former chair), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Probate Judges Association, Criminal Justice Advisory and Economic Advisory Council of the Northwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission, Children's Charter of the Court of Michigan (former Treasurer), Zonta International Club, Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, Law and Organizational Economics Center Judicial Advisory Board, Clothes for Kids of America Inc. Board of Trustees. Bar Associations: American, Michigan, Louisiana, Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Counties. *Other:* Instructor and course originator "What Everyone Should Know About the Law," Central Michigan University Off-Campus Education Department. Former dean of girls and first grade teacher, Leelanau County; developed "Children and the Law" project for elementary schools. Member of Citizen's Advisory Council Arnell Engstrom Children's Center, Leelanau Center for Education (Board of Trustees), Chamber Arts North, Glen Arbor Township Zoning Board, and Traverse Bay Area Traffic and Safety Committee. Sunday School teacher and church board chair. *Miscellaneous:* featured in *People* magazine and appeared on "Good Morning America" for position on juvenile justice, named one of five Outstanding Young Women in Michigan by Michigan Jaycees, honorary member Delta Kappa Gamma (International Teachers Honor Society). Enjoys tennis, gardening, and outdoor activity.



JUSTICE
MICHAEL E. CAVANAGH

Term expires January 1, 2007

Of East Lansing; born October 21, 1940, at Detroit; graduated from University of Detroit High School, 1958; B.A., University of Detroit, 1962; J.D., University of Detroit Law School, 1966; married Patricia Ferriss, 1966; children: Jane Elizabeth, Michael F. Jr., and Megan Kathleen; member, American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Ingham County Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University Law School; supervising Justice, Michigan Judicial Institute, 1986-1994; supervising Justice, Supreme Court Sentencing Guidelines Committee, 1983-1988; former supervising Justice, Michigan Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review; Board of Directors, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1979-1988; past chairman, Board of Directors, American Heart Association of Michigan, 1984-1985; Past President, Tri-County Heart Unit, 1976-1977; Board of Directors, Lansing YMCA, 1977-1978; Past President, Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, 1987-1988; Honorary Member, Rotary Club of Lansing, 1993-1995; Research Attorney, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1966-1967; City Attorney, City of Lansing, 1967-1969; partner in Lansing law firm of Farhat, Burns and Story, P.C., 1969-1973; elected to the 54-A Judicial District Court, 1973-1974; elected judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1975-1982; elected a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1982 and reelected in November 1990 and November 1998; elected Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court for a 2-year term on January 8, 1991, and reelected Chief Justice January 7, 1993, for a 2-year term.



JUSTICE
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Mason; born June 4, 1949, in Detroit; B.A., Duke University, 1971; J.D., University of Cincinnati Law School, 1974; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, ranking member, House Committee on Judiciary, 1975-1976; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Thomas Hagedorn of Minnesota, 1976-1978; Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, 1978-1985; Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary, 1984; nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by U.S. Senate as Assistant Attorney General of the United States for Legal Policy, 1985-1989; nominated by President George Bush and confirmed by U.S. Senate as United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, 1989-1993; coordinating prosecutor, Great Lakes Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force; law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, 1993-1994; Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation; Master of Bench, American Inns of Court; Alliance for Safe Streets in Detroit; Urban League Save Our Streets Campaign; Southwest Detroit Anti-Gang Coalition; New Detroit; authored numerous law review articles on constitutional and criminal justice topics in such journals as the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, *Detroit College of Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Rutgers Law Journal*, *American Criminal Justice Law Review*, *Barrister's Law Journal* and *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*; former Contributing Editor, *National Review* magazine; professor of constitutional law, Hillsdale College; Michigan, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Claims, Sixth Circuit Bars; wife Mary Kathleen; two sons, James and Charles; appointed to Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor John Engler, effective January 1, 1995; elected to the Court of Appeals in November 1996 and reelected in November 1998. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor John Engler effective October 1, 1999.



**JUSTICE
MARILYN KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Bloomfield Hills; born April 15, 1938; graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit; B.A., Eastern Michigan University; graduate study at LaSorbonne, University of Paris, France; Master's degree, Middlebury College, Vermont; taught French language and literature in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Albion College, and at Eastern Michigan University; J.D., with honors, Wayne State University, 1971. Justice Kelly was a trial lawyer in Wayne County for six years and in Oakland County for 11 years where she formed the law firm of Marilyn Kelly and Associates. Former member and president, Michigan State Board of Education; former president, Women's Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan; former member, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, Family Law Council and Communications Committee, Detroit Bar Association, and American Bar Association. Member, Women Lawyers Association, and Oakland County Bar Association where she has been active as chair of the Family Law Committee and committee co-chair of the President's Task Force on Improved Dispute Resolution; former panel member, Attorney Discipline Board; former board member, *Colleague* magazine, Michigan Judicial Institute; community service: board member, Women's Survival Center, Oakland County, former board member, Channel 56, public television in Detroit; former vice president of the board, Detroit Institute of Technology; former member, Development Committee, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac; former member, citizens' advisory committees, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Community College, and Oakland County Community College; recipient of an honorary doctorate from Eastern Michigan University and Distinguished Service award from Michigan Education Association; widowed after 28 years of marriage to Richard K. Stout; elected to the Court of Appeals, 2nd District, in 1988; reelected for a six-year term in 1994; elected to the Supreme Court in 1996.



**JUSTICE
CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR**

Term expires January 1, 2001

Justice Taylor, of East Lansing, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1964 and a law degree from George Washington University in 1967. He was a U.S. Navy line officer from 1967-1971, served as Assistant Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney from 1971-1972, then became a partner in Denfield, Timmer, & Taylor. In 1992, Taylor was appointed, then elected for a six-year term, to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Governor John Engler appointed Taylor to the Michigan Supreme Court on September 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy left by Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, who resigned from the Court on that date. He was elected to serve the remainder of the term in November 1998. Justice Taylor's term expires January 1, 2001.



**JUSTICE
MAURA D. CORRIGAN**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Justice Maura Denise Corrigan was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1998 to an eight-year term. She graduated magna cum laude from Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969, and cum laude from the University of Detroit Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1973. Justice Corrigan served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals, worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County from 1974 to 1979, and was appointed Chief of Appeals in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1986, she was promoted to Chief Assistant United States Attorney, the first woman to hold that position. While in that post, she supervised the criminal and civil work of 75 assistant United States attorneys. In 1989, Justice Corrigan became a partner in the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, specializing in litigation and appeals. In March of 1992, she was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor Engler. In November of 1992, she was elected to a partial term and then reelected in 1994 to a full six-year term. After receiving the nomination of her colleagues, the Supreme Court appointed her as Chief Judge of the 28-judge appeals court and its 250 employees in 1997. She served two years as Chief Judge before commencing her term as Supreme Court Justice. She has participated in numerous community and professional activities. Justice Corrigan is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter. She currently serves as a commissioner of the Michigan Law Revision Commission, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association, and member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center for Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Kansas Law School. She also lends her time to Boysville of Michigan as a member of the Board of Directors. Justice Corrigan has won many awards for her professional achievements, including the U.S. Department of Justice Director's Award for Outstanding Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Federal Bar Association's Leonard Gilman Award as the 1989 Outstanding Practitioner of Criminal Law. She has also published in journals such as the *Wayne Law Review* and *University of Toledo Law Review*. Justice Corrigan is married to Wayne State University Law Professor Joseph D. Grano and is the mother of Megan and Daniel.



**JUSTICE
ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.**

Term expires January 1, 2003

Justice Young, of Detroit, received a bachelor's degree and graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1974, and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1977. He practiced law for 15 years with the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, then in 1992 was named vice president, corporate secretary and general counsel of AAA Michigan. Young was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District, in 1995, and elected in 1996. He was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court in December 1998 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Chief Justice Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. That term expires on January 1, 2003. He has served as a member of the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.

JUSTICES OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT, 1836-1999

Name	Residence	Term Years
William A. Fletcher	Ann Arbor	1836-1842
George Morrell	Detroit	1836-1843
Epaphroditus Ransom	Kalamazoo	1836-1848
Charles W. Whipple	Detroit	1839-1855
Daniel Goodwin	Detroit	1843-1850
Alpheus Felch	Monroe	1845-1852
Warner Wing	Monroe	1845-1856
George Miles	Ann Arbor	1846-1850
Sanford M. Green	Pontiac	1848-1857
Edward Mundy	Ann Arbor	1848-1851
Abner Pratt	Marshall	1850-1857
George Martin	Grand Rapids	1851-1867
Joseph T. Copeland	Port Huron	1852-1857
Samuel T. Douglass	Detroit	1852-1857
David Johnson	Jackson	1852-1857
Nathaniel Bacon	Niles	1855-1857
Edward H. C. Wilson	Hillsdale	1856-1857
Benjamin F. H. Witherell	Detroit	1857
Benjamin F. Graves	Battle Creek	1857, 1868-1881
Josiah Turner	Howell	1857
Edwin Lawrence	Ann Arbor	1857
Randolph Manning	Pontiac	1858-1869
James V. Campbell	Detroit	1858-1890
Thomas M. Cooley	Adrian-Ann Arbor	1863-1885
Isaac P. Christiancy	Monroe	1874-1881
Isaac Marston	Bay City-Detroit	1875-1889
Thomas R. Sherwood	Kalamazoo	1882-1889
John W. Champlin	Grand Rapids	1884-1891
Allen B. Morse	Ionia	1885-1893
Charles D. Long	Flint	1888-1907
Edward Cahill	Lansing	1890
Claudius B. Grant	Marquette	1890-1909
John W. McGrath	Detroit	1891-1895
Robert M. Montgomery	Grand Rapids	1892-1911
George H. Durand	Flint	1892
Frank A. Hooker	Charlotte	1894-1913
Joseph B. Moore ¹	Lapeer	1896-1926
William L. Carpenter	Detroit	1902-1908
Charles A. Blair ²	Jackson	1905-1912
Russell C. Ostrander ³	Lansing	1905-1919
Aaron V. McAlvay ⁴	Manistee	1905-1915
Flavius L. Brooke ⁵	Detroit	1908-1921
John W. Stone ⁶	Marquette	1910-1922
John E. Bird ⁷	Adrian	1910-1928
Joseph H. Steere ⁸	Sault Ste. Marie	1911-1927
Franz C. Kuhn ⁹	Mt. Clemens	1912-1919
Rollin H. Person	Lansing	1915-1916
Grant Fellows	Hudson	1916-1929
George M. Clark ¹⁰	Bad Axe	1919-1933
Nelson Sharpe ¹¹	West Branch	1919-1935
Howard Wiest ¹²	Lansing	1921-1945
John S. McDonald	Grand Rapids	1922-1933
Ernest A. Snow ¹³	Saginaw	1926-1927
Richard H. Flannigan ¹⁴	Norway	1927-1928
Louis H. Fead	Newberry	1928-1937
William W. Potter ¹⁵	Hastings	1928-1940
Walter H. North ¹⁶	Battle Creek	1928-1952
Henry M. Butzel	Detroit	1929-1955
Thomas A. E. Weadock	Detroit	1933
George E. Bushnell ¹⁷	Detroit	1934-1957
Edward M. Sharpe	Bay City	1934-1957
Harry S. Toy	Detroit	1935-1936
Bert D. Chandler	Hudson	1936-1943
Thomas F. McAllister ¹⁸	Grand Rapids	1938-1941
Emerson R. Boyles ¹⁹	Charlotte	1940-1956
Raymond W. Starr ²⁰	Grand Rapids	1941-1946
Neil E. Reid ²¹	Mt. Clemens	1944-1956
Leland W. Carr	Lansing	1945-1963
John R. Dethmers	Holland	1946-1971
Clark J. Adams	Pontiac	1952-1953

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Name	Residence	Term Years
Harry F. Kelly	Detroit	1954-1971
Talbot Smith ²²	Ann Arbor	1955-1961
Eugene F. Black	Port Huron	1956-1973
John D. Voelker ²³	Ishpeming	1957-1959
George Edwards ²⁴	Detroit	1957-1961
Thomas M. Kavanagh ²⁵	Carson City	1958-1975
Theodore Souris	Grosse Pointe Farms	1960-1968
Otis M. Smith	Flint	1961-1967
Paul L. Adams	Sault Ste. Marie	1962, 1964-1973
Michael D. O'Hara	Menominee	1963-1969
Thomas E. Brennan ²⁶	Detroit	1967-1973
Thomas Giles Kavanagh	Birmingham	1969-1985
John B. Swainson ²⁷	Manchester	1971-1975
G. Mennen Williams	Grosse Pointe Farms	1971-1987
Mary Stallings Coleman ²⁸	Battle Creek	1973-1982
Charles L. Levin	Detroit	1973-1997
John W. Fitzgerald	Grand Ledge	1974-1983
Lawrence B. Lindemer	Stockbridge	1975-1977
James L. Ryan ²⁹	Detroit	1975-1986
Blair Moody, Jr. ³⁰	Grosse Pointe Shores	1977-1982
Dorothy Comstock Riley ^{31,34}	Grosse Pointe Farms	1982-1983, 1985-1997
James H. Brickley ³²	Traverse City	1982-1999
Michael F. Cavanagh	East Lansing	1983-
Patricia J. Boyle	Detroit	1983-1998
Dennis W. Archer ³³	Detroit	1986-1990
Robert P. Griffin	Traverse City	1987-1995
Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. ³⁵	Detroit	1990-1999
Elizabeth A. Weaver	Traverse City	1995-
Marilyn Kelly	Bloomfield Hills	1997-
Clifford W. Taylor	East Lansing	1997-
Maura D. Corrigan	Grosse Pointe Park	1998-
Robert P. Young, Jr.	Detroit	1998-
Stephen J. Markman	Mason	1999-

¹ Resigned; Ernest A. Snow appointed Jan. 1, 1926.

² Deceased; Franz C. Kuhn appointed Sept. 6, 1912.

³ Deceased; Nelson Sharpe appointed Sept. 25, 1919.

⁴ Died before taking office; Rollin H. Person appointed July 16, 1915.

⁵ Deceased; Howard Wiest appointed Jan. 25, 1921.

⁶ Deceased; John S. McDonald appointed Mar. 29, 1922.

⁷ Deceased; William W. Potter appointed Feb. 14, 1928.

⁸ Resigned; Richard H. Flannigan appointed Sept. 29, 1927.

⁹ Resigned; George M. Clark appointed Dec. 30, 1919.

¹⁰ Resigned; Thomas A. E. Weadock appointed Aug. 10, 1933 to Dec. 31, 1933.

¹¹ Deceased; Harry S. Toy appointed Oct. 24, 1935.

¹² Deceased; Leland W. Carr appointed Sept. 24, 1945.

¹³ Deceased; Walter H. North appointed Oct. 24, 1927.

¹⁴ Deceased; Louis H. Fead appointed Feb. 21, 1928.

¹⁵ Deceased; Emerson R. Boyles appointed Aug. 8, 1940.

¹⁶ Deceased; Clark J. Adams appointed Aug. 14, 1952 to Aug. 31, 1953.

¹⁷ Resigned; Talbot Smith appointed Jan. 6, 1955.

¹⁸ Resigned; Raymond W. Starr appointed June 2, 1941.

¹⁹ Resigned; John D. Voelker appointed Dec. 31, 1956.

²⁰ Resigned; John R. Dethmers appointed Aug. 15, 1946.

²¹ Deceased; George Edwards appointed May 15, 1956.

²² Resigned; Otis M. Smith appointed Oct. 10, 1961.

²³ Resigned; Theodore Souris appointed Dec. 31, 1959.

²⁴ Resigned; Paul L. Adams appointed Dec. 27, 1961.

²⁵ Deceased; Lawrence B. Lindemer appointed May 5, 1975.

²⁶ Resigned; John W. Fitzgerald appointed Jan. 1, 1974.

²⁷ Resigned; James L. Ryan appointed Dec. 2, 1975.

²⁸ Resigned; James H. Brickley appointed Dec. 27, 1982.

²⁹ Resigned; Dennis W. Archer appointed Jan. 1, 1986.

³⁰ Deceased; Dorothy Comstock Riley appointed Dec. 9, 1982.

³¹ Withdrawn; Patricia J. Boyle appointed April 20, 1983.

³² Resigned; Stephen J. Markman appointed Oct. 1, 1999.

³³ Resigned; Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. appointed Dec. 27, 1990.

³⁴ Resigned; Clifford W. Taylor appointed Aug. 21, 1997.

³⁵ Resigned; Robert P. Young, Jr., appointed Dec. 30, 1998.

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